



“Love one another as I have loved you” John 15:12



Friday 29th September

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

It has been another wonderful month at St. Andrew's where we have continued to watch the children **love**, **learn**, **grow** and **flourish**.

I attended a wonderful PTA meeting last week with old and new members who are keen to work together to not only provide exciting things for our children but also to raise money to help us enhance the curriculum. They raised over £7000 last year and have many exciting things already lined up such as the disco, wreath making, Christmas activities and a whole school trip to the cinema.

Our first trip to the church this year for Harvest Festival was well attended and we want to say a huge thank you for the kind and generous donations that went to a local food bank.

We have had two successful open days over the last two weeks that have been very well attended by families that have children in the school already and those that will hopefully be joining our school community in September 2024. The excellent teaching and learning that was going on around the school during these sessions was a joy to share.

This half term's value has been generosity and the children have reflected on giving to others cheerfully and sacrificially, caring for creation and loving others as we love ourselves. Next term's value is compassion.

Straight after half term are our teacher and family learning conferences, hopefully you have managed to book your appointment but if not please pop into the office or send an email.

A reminder that it is a teacher training day on Friday 20th October and we return to school on Monday 30th October.

Have a wonderful Half Term break and we look forward to seeing you for the 2nd half of the autumn term.

Mrs Emma Board

Head of School
Monday – Tuesday

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STARS OF THE WEEK OCTOBER



Otter:

Maisie
Tarryn
Lillie-Kate
Wren

Hedgehog:

Olivia T-F
Albie
Gwen
Crystal

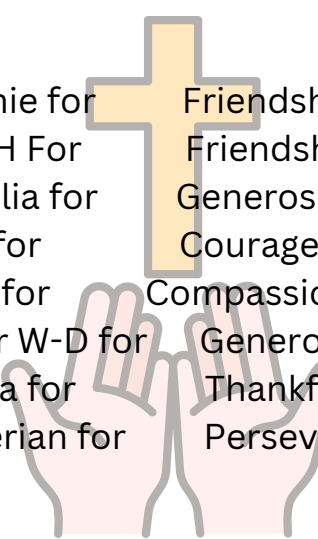
Sika:

Loby L
Bella
Archie
Truly

Kingfisher:

Tom
Evelyn
Bettie
Jude

VISION AND VALUE AWARDS



Sophie for	Friendship
Ella H For	Friendship
Aurelia for	Generosity
Jed for	Courage
Ellie for	Compassion
River W-D for	Generosity
Pippa for	Thankfulness
Severian for	Perseverance

HEADTEACHERS AWARDS



Bertie
Jack H
Roman
Tom

CHRISTIAN VALUE

Generosity

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Otter Class had their first trip to forest school this month. Whilst the walk was long, they all had a fantastic time while there and were talking about all the things they did and want to do again next time they visit.



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In Hedgehog class, we have continued to explore real life Superheroes and enjoyed a visit by Phoebe's mum in her role as a dental nurse helping us to clean our teeth properly. We also enjoyed learning about First Aid but found the bandaging very challenging! (see photos.)

As part of our topic and Black History month, we have been learning about Mary Seacole who nursed the soldiers in the Crimean War but was never as highly recognised as her Florence Nightingale. We have explored the injustice in this.



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Sika pupils have been further exploring their 'Rainforests' topic over the last few weeks and have been learning about transportation in plants in science through some interesting experiments involving food colouring! Pupils have also enjoyed creating 3D rainforest animal models using clay, and have produced some superb Miro-inspired portraits too. Our recent literacy sessions have enabled pupils to explore the five senses through some imaginative writing... and we simply had to have some mysterious feely bags, too! Children were required to explain what concealed items they could feel in a bag to their classmates, but could only use actions and drawings... it was great fun!



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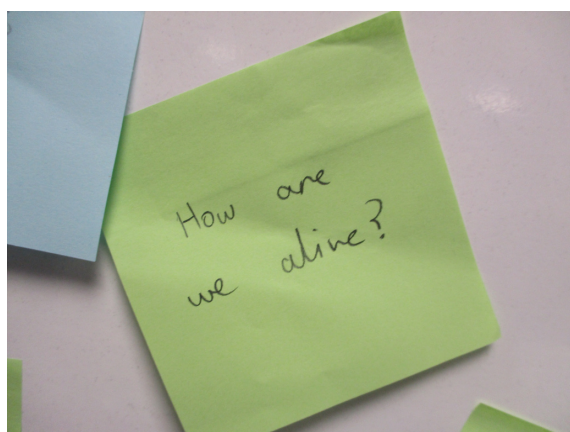
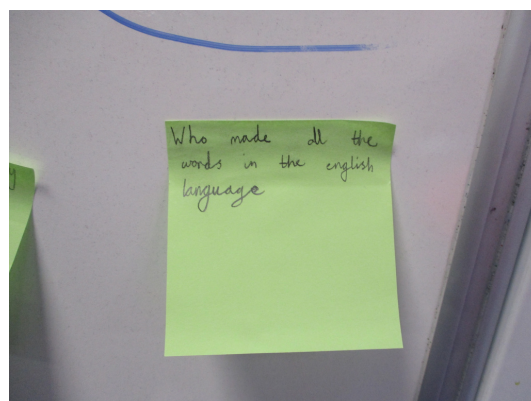
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KINGFISHER CLASS



We have really enjoyed getting stuck in to our RE big question for this half term, 'Creation and Science, conflicting or complimentary?'. The children have looked at different view points, identified questions that could be answered by science or religion and then created their own artwork that represents their response to this question.



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PTFA PAGE



Chairperson - Stephanie Moss
Vice Chairperson - Emma Hallett
Secretary - Committee members
Treasurer - Cat Marsh

Next PTFA meeting:
2nd November at the
White Hart 6pm

THANK YOU!
PTFA are paying for the
coaches for upcoming
trips for Sika and
Kingfisher classes!

Hello, I'm Stephanie Moss, your new PTFA Chairperson. I have Ella in Hedgehog and Jack in Lower Covey. I joined the PTFA 2 years ago when Ella joined St Andrews. I wanted to make some new friends and do my part for the school. I took my 1st role as secretary for 2 years and this year I decided to take role as chair. I've made some lovely friends. We all work together and have a laugh along the way. We enjoy socials together at the Village pub and enjoy our Christmas get together. I really enjoy the events we put together for the children and seeing how happy it makes them.

Emma Hallett – Vice Chair – I have 3 children – Alfie in year 8 of secondary school, Jack in Kingfisher and Stanley in Sika. I have been a member of the PTFA for about 6 years, 2 of those years I was Chairperson. I joined the PTFA as I wanted to get involved with my children's school – getting to know the teachers, finding out what the school need from our PTFA and also what they expect from us as parents, my children love me being involved with the events that we organise for the children and it is lovely to see them and other children smile and really enjoy themselves. My best part of being in the PTFA along with our socials is the pupils coming up to us and telling us how much fun they have had or Thanking us for the events or fundraising we have done for them.

Hi, I'm Cat Marsh, Treasurer. I have Lily in Sika and Alfie in Hedgehog. I joined the PTFA 4 years ago when Lily started school as I wanted to make a difference to her school life and helping to find some wonderful experiences for her. I have entered my second year of being Treasurer and prior to that I was secretary. We have a lovely group of members who are all now amazing friends. We have a common interest in raising the much needed funds for our school. The best part for me is seeing the joy in the kids when we hold discos and taking them to the Christmas cinema trip.

Our current members are Charlotte, Lorraine, Vicky, Danielle, Jaybee, Laura, Laura, Allison, Ashley, Janine, Lauren, Sarah, Sika, Tania. We would like any of you to come and join us.

To become a member, find out more details or to book any of our events please contact any of us or email standrewsptfa1@gmail.com

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**Save the
date**

KS1 Nativity - Tuesday 5th December at 11.00 & 1.30pm



A full list of upcoming events can be found on our [website](#)

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